

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Three Days' Fair Opened In Freeman's Hall Last Evening

GREAT CROWD TAKES IN THE PLEASURES OF THE OPENING NIGHT

Freeman's Hall Never Presented A Gay Or A More
Attractive Appearance

OBJECT OF THE FAIR IS TO ADD SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE BUILDING
FUND OF DAMON LODGE

Wednesday evening marked the opening in Freeman's Hall of the long awaited Knights of Pythias Fair and the crowd which enjoyed the pleasures of the evening was sufficient to insure the success of the venture. The knights of Damon Lodge have been working early and late for weeks and the prospect that their efforts will receive their deserved reward is most pleasing to them and to their friends.

Damon Lodge has in the past made a proud record by its public enterprises and in this instance it has much more than upheld its reputation.

The hall never presented a more attractive appearance. The decorators have transformed it. Bunting, American flags and other ensigns line the gallery rails and flags are draped over the entrances to the ante rooms. Entering the hall, the eye first rests upon the word "Welcome" in large letters, painted in red upon a white banner, stretched across the stage just below the foot lights. Across the hall above the stage is a row of signal flags and from the center of the ceiling radiate streamers, the upper ends, clustering around a large Japanese lantern.

The stage presents a particularly pleasing picture, with its screens and curtains of olive green and its variegated hangings. Ropes of red and green crepe paper, supporting bells of the same material are stretched from post to post in the gallery. There is bunting everywhere and large numbers of incandescent electric lamps made the scene on Wednesday evening as brilliant as it was animated.

Handsome booths line both sides of the hall, in which numerous articles are attractively displayed.

These booths are decorated with crepe paper and cheese cloth of every conceivable shade and arranged in every shape imaginable. The national colors combined are much favored for booth decoration, although blue, green, orange, and other colors are used.

On one side of the stage is the palmistry parlor with a wide entrance in which are displayed pictures of the hands of famous men and women and noted criminals. There are representations of the palms of President Roosevelt, William McKinley, Queen Victoria, Robert Fitzsimmons and numerous other people equally famous, and some interesting study for those interested in the mysteries of palmistry. Bits of well painted scenery give to the entrance the appearance of a garden with well graded paths, leading to the palmistry parlor proper, where an adept in the art reads the palms of all those curious to know the stories told by the lines of their hands.

Displayed on the other side of the stage is a Knights of Pythias quilt, with the shield of the order in red in the center and numerous white squares with shields worked out in red. Fifteen lodges are represented and upon the quilt are the names of all the persons who contributed,

worked in red. On the same side of the stage is the booth where the numerous gifts to Damon Lodge from the merchants of the city and from the friends of the knights are shown. The display is a very interesting one and the articles comprise an almost endless variety. Next to the palmistry parlor is the fish pond, in charge of Herbert Downs assisted by Edward Wendell, Robert Briggs, Everett Parsons and John Smith. The candy table is cared for by Mrs. John Smith, assisted by Mrs. John Yarwood, Miss May Lord, Miss Emma Lord, Miss Marion Thomas, Miss Anna Hett, Miss Gertrude Foote, Miss Alice Marden, Mrs. George E. Morrill and Miss Gretchen Hett. The fancy work booth is presided over by Mrs. Charles G. Fernald, with Mrs. Forrest Fogg, Mrs. George McDonald, Mrs. Ira Whidden, Miss Ella Smith, Miss Gertrude Corey, Mrs. W. J. Cater, Mrs. Edward Hoyt, Mrs. A. O. Benfield as assistants. A wonderful display of sofa pillows is in charge of Mrs. J. E. Hoxie, her assistants being Mrs. E. L. Guptill, Mrs. A. C. F. Duncan and Mrs. E. S. Downs. At the handkerchief counter are Mrs. E. P. Lawrence, Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mrs. Earnest Johnson, Miss Sarah Johnson and Mrs. F. C. Langley and Mrs. R. E. Smith. Mrs. Daniel Mason has charge of the apron counter, Mrs. W. Henry Smith, Mrs. William E. Storer, Mrs. Joseph Holmes, Mrs. V. A. Hett, Mrs. Albert Hislop and Mrs. A. L. Johnson assisting her. The general committee is as follows: Chairman, George A. McDonald; treasurer, Fred C. Horner; secretary, George H. Sanderson; Charles H. Foote, Harrie H. Foote, Frank P. Rand, Allen A. Rand, Willis B. Mathis, Lewis E. Pendleton, Scott Somerville, William T. Betton, Herbert A. Marden. The following are the sub committees: Hall committee, Lewis E. Pendleton, William T. Betton, Herbert A. Marden. Fancy work soliciting, Amon O. Benfield, chairman; Scott Somerville, Allen E. Rand, Charles G. Fernald. Advertising and printing, George H. Sanderson, chairman; Charles H. Foote, Lewis E. Pendleton. Entertainment, Marcellus Fernald,

chairman; Herbert Downs, William T. Betton, Ralph S. Parker, Chauncey B. Hoyt, Edward T. Wendell. General soliciting, William T. Betton, chairman; Herbert Downs, A. O. Benfield, R. E. Smith, James Drew, Frank P. Rand, Edward H. Drake, George A. Macdonald, Scott Somerville.

Auditing, Chauncey B. Hoyt, R. E. Smith. Ice cream and cake were dispensed by Mrs. Joseph Marden and Mrs. George H. Sanderson.

During the evening, there was an excellent entertainment, opening with a selection by the Eagle drug corps.

Dan Malumby of Boston, a black face comedian of more than ordinary ability was heard in clever and amusing monologs and Harry Caswell, a talented young vocalist of this city, gave some finely rendered solos. Cody and Denno's singing and dancing sketch deserved the cordial applause it received and Prof. Nasby W. Bolling gave a decidedly interesting hypnotic exhibition.

Horace L. Rowe was accompanist and his work in that capacity merits much praise.

The object of the fair is to add to the building fund, it being the ambition of Damon Lodge at some time to have a home of its own. A colonial party given several years ago netted the lodge about \$100 and this was put aside as nucleus. Since then, the profits of a number of small entertainments have been added to the fund and the fair this year will swell it materially.

Damon Lodge, No. 9 in New Hampshire, was instituted on Jan. 31, 1871 by Grand Chancellor Stillman S. Davis of Nashua, assisted by Grand Vice Chancellor J. T. S. Libbey of Dover and other grand lodge officers.

The charter members were Matthew T. Betton, A. J. Sides, E. T. Morrison, W. B. Grogan, A. F. Craig, F. Ackerman, J. F. Leverton, H. B. Lord, Hiram C. Locke, Charles H. Sides, W. O. Sides, J. S. Sides, G. L. Sides, R. C. Sides, Jr., William Tindall, H. Nelson, B. F. Marden, J. M. Clark, Horace Mudge, J. W. Lord, W. Fayban, R. Bates, Edward D. Coffin, Francis R. Johnson, S. C. Whittier S. B. Woodward, B. Plummer, Thornton Betton, Allen A. Rand and J. H. Dow.

Of the original charter members, eight are still actively connected with the lodge. They are Edward T. Morrison, Hiram B. Lord, Hiram C. Locke, Horace Mudge, Francis R. Johnson, Thornton Betton and Allen A. Rand of this city and Benjamin Plummer of Boston.

Thornton Betton has faithfully filled the office of keeper of records and seals for more than thirty years and during that long period has missed only a few meetings because of illness.

Damon Lodge has a membership of nearly 250, including many business and professional men of the city. It is considered one of the most prosperous and progressive societies in Portsmouth.

The living past chancellors, who still retain membership in the lodge, with the years of their election are as follows:

E. T. Morrison 1871, Thornton Betton 1871, Benjamin Plummer 1874, Albert T. Pickering 1876, George H. Tripp 1877, Lindell A. Johnson 1879, John S. Tilton 1879, Andrew P. Wendell 1881, George A. Trafton 1881, Ernest S. Johnson 1883, Francis R. Johnson 1883, Horace W. Pearson 1884, Gustave Peyser by card, William P. Pickett 1886, George H. San-

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Motor Power Vs. Steam

PART I.

I run without a boiler, coal, fireman or water

So break down or blow up I don't just when I hadn't oughter,

I make no ashes; oil and grease I heartily detest,

So you can see, for cleanliness, of all machines, I'm best.

For greatest power, in smallest space I am the most compact,

I use my power just where I am, with shafting hate contact;

I can be put, with my machine most anywhere you like

That so the light upon the work most favorably may strike.

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ROCKINGHAM COUNTY LIGHT & POWER CO.

A MONTE CRISTO

Such Is Capt. Joseph De La Mar

HIS LUCK HAS LONG BEEN PROVERBIAL

Everything He Has Touched Has Turned To Gold

IN DOMESTIC LIFE HE HAS BEEN LESS HAPPY

(By New England Press)

New York, Feb. 14.—New York was interested but not surprised to learn this week that Capt. Joseph De La Mar had won out in a suit for possession of Nevada mines said to be worth millions of dollars. It was merely another evidence of the "De La Mar luck" which has long been a by-word among New York financiers.

De La Mar, who has spent the greater part of his time in this city during recent years, is known as the modern Monte Cristo. His career seems to justify the nickname. Born in Holland about sixty-five years ago, Capt. De La Mar gained his title on the deck of a coast steamer. Out in Colorado, where he engaged in mining, politics and anything else that came to hand, he was known as plain Joe Delamar. After fortune favored him in the West he sought for wider fields, social fields, to conquer. He went to Washington and earned the proud distinction of giving a number of receptions where the band played and the waiters waited for the guests that never came. Then he thought the air elsewhere would be more congenial. In all things save matrimony De La Mar's proverbial luck stuck by him. But when he tried his hand at the marriage game he met with but poor success.

In the early nineties a feature of the afternoon parade along Fifth avenue was the accustomed stroll of pretty Nellie Sands and her equally handsome mother, so youthful in appearance that she was generally supposed to be her daughter's sister. The Widow Sands was poor and Nellie was badly gowned. At this stage of the game Capt. De La Mar appeared on the scene. His chief recommendation was his money, which even at that time amounted to many millions.

It is said that he was the mother's devoted admirer until he saw her daughter Nellie, and then he lost his heart to her. Before the honeymoon was over Mrs. Sands concluded to accept the situation, and a happy three cornered household lived in peace and harmony for some time.

The De La Mars went to Paris and Mrs. De La Mar was considered the most beautiful American there. Her beauty became almost a craze, and she gained a social success in the French capital that she had not exactly succeeded in obtaining on this side of the water.

But De La Mar was extremely jealous of his beautiful wife and apparently without cause. He was a monomaniac on the subject of permitting his wife to talk to anyone. He was particularly jealous of the glances of admiration thrown by young men at Mrs. De La Mar. This jealousy did more to prevent their social success in America than all the other objections put together. Capt. De La Mar apparently could not understand the social rules which permitted that his wife should receive the acknowledgment of an after dinner call from the men who had accepted their dinner invitations. Much less did he see the courtesy in the offer of a few flowers or a box of bonbons from the men who had the honor of her acquaintance. As for holding a court of admirers at her afternoon or evening at home, as the case might be, it was not to be thought of. Even in their box at the horse show or opera, his icy glare was sure to chill the ardor of the unsuspecting caller.

Finally the situation reached a climax and the De La Mars agreed to disagree. Capt. De La Mar institut-

ed proceedings in Paris for an absolute divorce and the suit was not contested by the wife. The cause of the suit was a package of letters addressed to Mrs. De La Mar discovered by Capt. De La Mar in their common safe at the Credit Lyonnais. Within a short time after the divorce was granted Mrs. De La Mar was married to a Mr. Hatmaker, who for many years had been a confidential financial man for the Vanderbilts. He had promoted several companies in France and had accumulated a large fortune. So far as the public knows, the former Mrs. De La Mar has lived happily ever since. The same cannot be said, however, of her former husband. His friends in this city say that he loves the beautiful Nellie Sands as much today as he did the day he married her. However this may be it is certain that he has all the appearance of a most unhappy and discontented man. He maintains homes in several cities on both sides of the Atlantic, but never stays long in one place. He built a palatial house on Fifth Avenue, but never lived in it.

But so far as money is concerned his luck has never deserted him. Everything he has touched seems to have turned to gold. The recent decision of the California court in regard to the Nevada mining property has but added millions to a fortune that already amounted to millions.

Cards announcing the Leuten services have been issued by the church.

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MAKING OF LAWS

Now In Progress In Concord

THE HOUSE PASSES A MILEAGE BILL

How Rockingham County Voted On The Measure

FULL TEXT OF THE BILL WHICH RECEIVED APPROVAL

(By The Herald's Staff Correspondent)

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derzon, Stevenson, Wilkinson, Wentworth of Greenland, Lamprey, Ellis, Brown of Kingston, Sweeney, Pridham of New Castle, Sheehy, Pickering, Stevens of Newmarket, Darbe, Fogg of North Hampton, Brown of Nottingham, Hills of Plaistow, Brown of Portsmouth, Philbrick of Portsmouth, Wood, Ridge, Clark of Portsmouth, Walker of Rye, Rand, Fifield of Seabrook and Emery of Stratham.

No—Towle, Chase, Tufts, Boyd, Hodgdon of Portsmouth and Fellows.

The Senate on Wednesday passed the bill providing for representation at the Jamestown exposition.

Other bills passed were those amending the laws of 1897 relative to the practice of medicine, for the prevention of blackmail, establishing the spelling of the name of the town of Wolfeboro, for the protection of Hampton Beach, requiring towns and cities to furnish reports to the New Hampshire Genealogical Society, amending the charter of the New Hampshire and Vermont annual Methodist conference and incorporating the New Hampshire Woman's Humane Society.

The bill allowing counties to take land required for public use was tabled.

The Senate judiciary committee reported in a new draft the bill amending the public statutes in relation to the exemption from taxation of veterans of the Civil War. It was read

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Geo. B. French Co

It is not wise to buy DRAPERIES or DRAPERY GOODS without seeing our stock, which we claim without venture of a denial has no equal in the city outside of our store. As we exercise our best judgment in the selection of such materials and styles as shall prove most effective in the art of home adornment we have established a reputation of showing not only the largest but also the finest stock in the city. This week we show many specialties in this line.

IMPORTED MADRAS

One feature of which is the exquisite blending of colors, which are woven in the fabric.

One lot, 52 inches wide, choice designs.....87c

One lot, 48 inches wide, imported, sells.....\$1.00

One lot, 48 inches wide, in cream and in cream and green cross stripes, at.....67c

PRINTED MADRAS—Skillful imitations of the imported goods, these are shown in a large variety and sell by the yard at.....25c

CURTAIN MUSLINS

Here we exhibit over 40 styles of the figured Muslins, you are on the right road for the best in the city and no such a lot is shown elsewhere.

Very low priced.....12 1-2c

VERSAILLES CRETONNES

36 inches wide, light ground work and color printed, stylish goods, selling this week.....19c

FRENCH CRETONNES—Not found in the city outside of our store, price.....\$1.00

TABLE COVERS

In small sizes for stand covers and also in full length, 12-4.....69c to \$5.00

Many very odd and select ones.

SLUMBER ROBES

In raw silk, the Indian stripes.....\$1.00 to \$3.00

DOOR PANELS

In white or beige.....37c, 50c, 62c to \$2.75

AGENT FOR THE CELEBRATED OSTERMOOR MATTRESS.

SWISS NETS

Patterns strictly new, adapted for full length or half curtains.

Patterns in running vine.....19c

Another lot in Gothic patterns sell for.....15c

A third collection in serpentine weave sells.....25c

VERY INVITING DRAPERY GOODS

50 pieces of the finest Silkenes, clever in style and the cream of early Spring production, a pleasure to see this assortment, per yard.....12 1-2c

Every piece shows the mark of newness.

REMNANTS OF TAPESTRIES

A lot of Drummer's Samples in 3-4 and 1-2 yard lengths, comprising the choicest colorings and designs. These lengths are adapted for chair coverings and cushion tops and are clearance prices at about ONE-HALF.

Remnants of 1 1/2 yards, worth \$2.62, for.....\$1.25

1 yard Remnants, worth \$1.75, now\$1.00

3/4 yard lengths, worth \$1.50, for.....87c

1 yard lengths, worth \$1.75, for.....\$1.25

2-3 yard lengths, worth \$3.50, now.....\$1.50

COUCH COVERS

One lot fringed on sides and ends in Roman stripes, at.....\$1.25

Extra heavy at.....\$1.87

Others at.....\$2.00 and up to \$6.00

Oriental patterns in another lot.....\$3.00 and \$4.50

CROSS STRIPES AND ORIENTAL DRAPERIES

That one can buy at.....37c, 50c to \$3.00

DRAPERY SILKS—Very extensive variety, sell at.....59c

PADDED MATTRESS COVERS

Crib size.....50c

Full size.....\$1.98

TOLD IN VISIONS

COMEDIES AND TRAGEDIES
THAT BESET DREAMER.

Mystery That Has Always Had a Remarkable Fascination for Mankind—Authentic and Strange Cases.

From the time of Joseph's interpretations in Egypt—and long before, no doubt—the mystery of dreams has had a remarkable fascination for mankind. Passing strange are their prophecies and warnings, and stranger still when these come true, as is often the case.

By what mystic power are dreams enabled to project the visual sense through space, to lift the curtain that veils the future?

Quite often dreams foretell disaster, or deal with some trouble that besets the dreamer. Still, dreams have their comedies as well as tragedies and not infrequently essay the role of assistant to Master Cupid.

Missing persons and lost property are sometimes found through the



Found Her Jewels.

agency of dreams. The death angel, hovering near, seems especially liable to cast its dream shadow over a sleeper.

Real trouble assailed Mrs. Joseph H. Pneau, of Williamsport, Pa., a few weeks ago when she missed her jewels. Believing that she had been robbed during a spell of sickness, she had a servant arrested on suspicion.

That night Mrs. Pneau dreamed that she saw her jewels at the bottom of a basket containing china-ware. In the morning she hastened to the closet where the basket was explored beneath the china and there found her gems, just as she had seen them in her sleep.

While hunting in the woods last winter William Ward, of Freeland, Pa., lost a watch. It was two weeks before the dream in this case revealed the spot where the watch lay, but when Mr. Ward made a search there he found it.

Warnings of disaster frequently come to sleeping persons. While traveling through Texas a short time ago a woman living in Upper Sandusky, O., dreamed that her barn was burned and two valuable horses lost with it. She related the dream to several persons. That day she received information that her barn had actually burned and the details tallied with her vision.

Startled from sleep by a vivid dream that his best Alderney cow was choking to death in the stable, Robert Rickards, a prominent farmer of Bridgeville, Del., hurried at dead of night to his barnyard a short time ago. He found the cow was really choking and it died before he could effect relief.

Falling from the fifteenth story of the Chandler building, in course of erection at Atlanta, Ga., Peter McGearry, an iron worker, was dashed to death a few days ago.

The strange part of the story is that only the morning of the accident Foreman Peck, who had charge of the iron and steel workers, halted his men as they were about to begin their labors and warned them very earnestly to be careful.

"I dreamed," he said, "that one of the men fell from the top of the build-



True Dream of Burning Barn.

ing and was killed. I have been unable to get the terrible impression off my mind and I request that each of you exercise more than usual caution in your work."

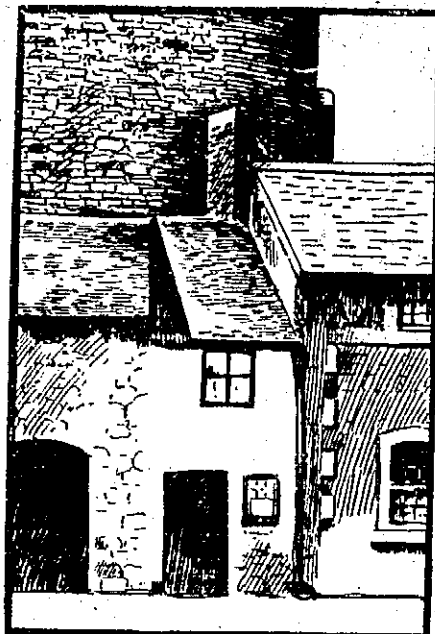
Dominic Carmono, of Mount Washington, Pa., dreamed that his nephew, Giuseppe Samazal, was dead. When he read in the newspapers that an unknown man had been killed by falling from a car on the Smithfield street bridge, Pittsburg, he felt convinced that the unfortunate was his nephew. Calling at the morgue he made the identification.

"I guess you will not laugh at my dreams again," remarked Mrs. Gunderson to her husband.

SMALL HOUSE IS FREAK.

Built in Conway, Eng., Where Real Estate Is Not Excessively High in Price.

Examples of very narrow houses are not confined necessarily to great cities where real estate is high. The pic-



turesque freak house in the accompanying illustration is in Conway, England. From the doorway a small ladder leads to the single bedroom. It is inhabited by an old lady who turns an honest penny by exhibiting her house and selling photographs of it.

SENT WORKING MODEL.

Seven-Ton Pump Forwarded to Patent Office in Washington by the Inventor.

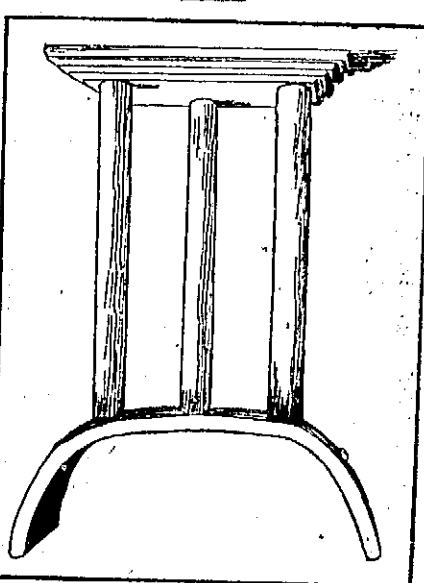
Sometimes the rigors of patent office procedure are not without their humorous side. A New York attorney filed an application for improvements in a centrifugal pump. The patent office examiner declared the invention inoperative, and demanded a working model. The patent office was requested to send an examiner to Trenton to inspect the machine in actual operation, but this the office refused to do. The attorney, therefore, politely sent a seven-ton pump to the patent office from Trenton to satisfy a skeptical examiner, according to the Scientific American. Twenty-one men were required to get it into the examiner's office.—Railway Age.

THIRSTY NEW YORKERS.

Enormous Consumption of Whisky and Other Spirituous Liquors in the Metropolis.

The borough of Manhattan annually consumes 100,000 barrels of whisky which cost the consumers \$2,500,000. To this item must be added 30,000 barrels of other spirits, sold for \$550,000; 200,000 cases of champagne, for which \$5,500,000 is paid; 4,000,000 gallons of other wines and brandies, costing \$27,000,000, and last but not least important, 5,000,000 barrels of beer, selling for \$100,000,000. This makes a total of \$135,000,000—a sum sufficient to create and maintain forever a great university like Yale or Harvard. It is a fact rather interesting to consider that if all this beer and liquor were put into a tank and were allowed to run through an ordinary water tap at the rate of a gallon a minute the receptacle would require 99 years and 36 days to empty itself.—Pearson's Magazine.

STOOL CARVED FROM BONES.



This style of carved stool is made of bones and used by natives of Africa.

Took Examination for Fun. Chief Engineer Crouzbauer, of Brooklyn, was looking for a chauffeur from a list of civil service eligibles picked the man at the top, Patrick Maher. He sent for Maher and offered him the job. "What's the salary?" asked Maher. "Three dollars a day," was the reply. "I don't think I can take that," said Maher. "Have you got a better job?" asked Crouzbauer. "I think so," replied Maher, solemnly. "What is it?" "Oh," explained Maher, "I'm battalion chief in the fire department, and I get \$3,500 a year." Maher said he was in the habit of taking a civil service examination occasionally to keep his mental machinery from getting rusty.

In Eastoness.

"Come in, Waldonia," said her mother. "You have been in that swing long enough."

"Presently, mamma," answered the little Boston girl. "I am permitting the quarrelsome quadruped of the genus Fells to slacken its physical activities and pass by imperceptible gradations into a condition of total extinct vitality."—Chicago Tribune.

SEEK VAST WEALTH

CLAIMANTS TO FORTUNES OF MEN LONG DEAD.

Much of Estate of Sir Francis Drake May Come to America—Poor New York Woman in Luck.

Of all the wonderful stories of heirs in poverty seeking millions of long-delayed wealth none is more interesting than the announcement that Sir Francis Drake's vast estate of \$250,000,000 in England is to be divided after being held up in the court of chancery for more than 200 years.

And Albert J. Drake, a courteous, good-looking young clerk in a New York hotel in the 80's, who was a friend of President Arthur and knew most of the big men of the day, is one of the claimants to this fortune.

Said Mr. Drake, in response to questions: "There is no doubt that I shall get a share in the Drake estate of \$250,000,000, if it is true that the English courts have ordered a division of the property among the heirs. Our



family is well known and there will be no difficulty in establishing my lineage and right to a share of that great property."

As to the amount of Drake's fortune none of the authorities available presents the figures. He had so much however, in his day that it was measured in chestfuls. It dated from his early raids on the Spanish treasure fleets and caravans. On several occasions he secured so much booty that his ships could not carry all the gold and precious stones. He scattered enough treasures among his roistering friends to run a thousand country printing offices and an opera company.

By 1572 Drake had discovered the secret sources of the vast wealth pouring into Spain by shiploads. It came from the treasure caves of Peru and other mining countries in South America. Temples and storehouses, vaults and palaces were paved with slabs of gold and silver and tons of pearls of monstrous size lay in heaps and piles, often kicked about as so many oyster shells.

Heir to \$300,000,000 in her seventeenth year, with the discovery of the estate in California, is the cheering news that makes Mrs. Freda Weinstein the happiest woman in Ludlow street, New York. She is a nurse and for more than a quarter of a century has been seeking her share in the estate of her uncle, Solomon Herowitz, who came to America years ago and won a fortune in California gold mines.

Mrs. Weinstein was born in Witlipisky, Russia, of Hebrew parentage. She was brought to this country by relatives when a child. One of her earliest recollections was of her father's youngest brother, Solomon Herowitz, a wonderful singer in the thriving Austrian city of Lemberg, where



beautiful Polish women speak half a dozen languages and live in castles.

The great news of that day, which made the young Russian singer's eyes sparkle, was the wonderful story of gold in California, where the mountains sparkled with gold, where the farmers had to shovel it aside to cultivate their gardens. The young man took the first ship for the Pacific coast and from that time he became lost to his family and friends, except that now and then they heard far-away rumors that he was doing well and had become a Roman Catholic. He changed his name to Weiss and Bishop Weiss was the title he was known by in California. While making a fortune in the mines he preached and he never married. This is the substance of what Mrs. Weinstein and her attorney have discovered.

EGGS 700 YEARS OLD.

Found in London Years Ago, They Are Believed to Date from the Twelfth Century.

Workmen excavating in London 67 years ago found a basket of eggs at a depth of 35 feet. It is supposed that the eggs were deposited in the basket in the early part of the twelfth century. The eggs were three in number, rather larger than the ordinary hen



product and were probably laid by some aquatic bird. Two of them are entire, but one had been broken, and the escape of its contents appeared to have corroded a part of the bottom of the basket. These eggs were honey-combed all over with shallow indentations, which would lead one to believe that they had been originally blotched or spotted over with some coloring matter, and one might conclude that the iodine or other matter which colors such eggs had eroded the surface, only that there were similar indentations in the rim of the basket, though fewer in number and less conspicuous than those of the eggs.

Except these indented marks two of the eggs seemed perfectly entire, and the third one was also entire in the upper part, the fracture being below. Eggs and basket were now completely soldered into one mass, so that they couldn't be separated, and the whole like what is usually found in chalk, was converted, not into black flint, but into gray flint, or chert. This was rendered quite plain by a small piece, which was chipped out of the side of the basket, and which is shown at the place marked by the letter A, where the fracture is conchoidal like that of glass, and the color is gray.—N. Y. Herald.

NESTS LIKE SMALL TOWNS.

Habitations Built by the Grosbeak Capable of Accommodating Five Hundred Birds.

The grosbeak, a bird common to tropical countries, frequently builds



its nest in the trees large enough to accommodate 500 or more birds. The nests are built of bushman's grass, and are frequently 20 feet or more in diameter. Nests have been found which contain as many as 250 different cells or individual nests.

SAVES YEARS OF TIME.

Figures That Will Surprise Even the Invertebrate User of the Telephone.

The intimate association of the telephone with every form of daily living is completely, characteristically American. It grows while you watch it; for every day it absorbs, at the smallest possible estimate, more than 5,000 new telephone instruments, part of them going to replace instruments already worn out in service, but a good proportion going to new subscribers, and the further annihilation of time and space between seventy-odd millions of people scattered over the United States. That it saves time for these millions goes, of course, without saying, but in the past years the total amount saved annually by the average reduction of four seconds per message affected during that period by the Bell systems, presents one of the most startlingly curious examples of time economy that the world has yet witnessed. In a single year these four seconds saved on each telephone call count up to a grand total of 14,389,992,000 seconds—in other words, to 445 years of time—a link in the chain of eternity that would carry us back 42 years before the discovery of America.

Inertia.

Mosely Wraggs—"You used to move in good society, didn't you?"

Wareham Long—"I never done any movin' when I could help it, in any kind o' society."—Chicago Tribune.

Hate.

"I hate that man."
"What has he ever done to you?"
"Nothing, but he was present once when I made a fool of myself."—Chicago Record-Herald.

WAS MUSIC LOVER

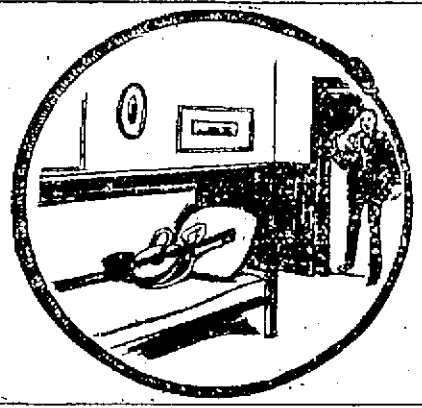
A PET RATTLESNAKE THAT LEARNED THE MANDOLIN.

Played Himself to Sleep with the Exquisite Music He Produced—Explanation of the "Snakeophone."

A few years ago I had a pet rattlesnake which was very fond of music, says a writer in the Chicago Inter-Ocean. In the first place he was attracted to me while I was playing the mandolin one afternoon. He was so charmed by the music that he went into a trance and I was able to secure him and put him into a cage. He afterward had this habit to quite a degree whenever he heard music.

In a short time I let him out of the cage, for he had grown quite fond of me and would crawl upon my shoulder and go to sleep whenever I played. He seemed to fully appreciate the nature of the music, for if it was a sad piece he would droop his head and his body would be convulsed with a fit of sobbing. But if, on the other hand, the music was a gay and lively air, he would keep time by waving his head back and forth, and it seemed like he fairly danced to the music.

One day I had been away from home, and upon returning I heard some most exquisite music proceeding from the house. Upon entering, I imag-



ined my surprise to see my pet snake playing "Yankee Doodle" upon the mandolin. He was using his rattles for a pick and was "fingering"—which in this instance might be called "head-ling"—the instrument with the sharp part of his head. It was quite laughable to see his head bobbing back and forth over the frets; but what was stranger of all, he never made a mistake, even in a most difficult passage. After a while he played himself to sleep and I took him and put him in his den.

One day he hit upon quite a novel way of making music. He went out into the yard, where there were two small shrubs growing about a foot apart, and, wrapping himself around one of them, he stretched himself over to the other and wrapped himself around that one also. Then he beckoned to me with his head, but it was quite a while before I could understand what he meant. At length I made out what he wanted, and taking a smooth stick from the yard I went to him and commenced to strike him gently. He drew himself up lighter still and then the vibration of his body which my stick was making began to be heard. He seemed to be highly pleased, for he waved his head with glee. Finally he found that by contracting and relaxing his body he could make different sounds.

One morning while I was playing my "snakeophone" he began to experiment in making different sounds. In a short time he had learned how to run the scale, and in about an hour he was able to play "Blue Bell" in a very heartrending manner. Such fine liquid sounds cannot be produced by anything else in the world that I know of. It is a source of much pleasure to me that I have a graphophone record of the fine work of my snake, which is now dead.

My pet met his death in a very peculiar manner. I took him with me to a near by town to hear an Italian harp which was to be played by an expert performer. He enjoyed the music very much until the man began to play "Il Trovatore" and then I saw that he was going into a trance. I tried my best to keep him from it, but could not. I took him home in that condition and he never came out from under the influence. He died a very peaceful death and I buried him in the family lot in the graveyard.

Famed Lover of Flowers.

Anthony Cook, 99 years old, a kindly old "wizard of flowers," who said he introduced the geranium into this country from his native land, Germany, and also propagated the famed American beauty rose, died the other day at Baltimore, with the odor of his beloved roses blowing at his chamber window.

Queer Pets of Soldiers.

The Lancers of New South Wales have an emu and a kangaroo. "Peter," the goose, became a pet of the Grenadiers while in Canada. The name bird limped up to a sentry one night and held up a hurt foot for his inspection. He attended to the wound and the bird thereafter refused to leave the camp, so the soldiers adopted it.

Still Believe in "Black Art."

The astonishing fact has just come to light that Prof. Richard Garnett, librarian of the British museum, who died recently, for years had devoted much time to the "black art" of astrology. Even more extraordinary is the circumstance that business men of New York and other cities regularly consulted him regarding contemplated ventures.

QUEER TREES OF JAPAN.

Phenomenon Proves Possibility of One Growing Inside the Trunk of Another.

Writing in the Scientific American F. M. Barber, late United States naval attaché at Tokio, relates the following fact:

I enclose herewith a singular proof of your opinion as expressed in the accompanying cutting concerning the possibility of one tree growing inside another.

My wife and I discovered this phenomenon while making a walking tour



in Japan in 1895. As is usual with natural curiosities in Japan, there was a small shrine with stone lanterns, and across the road a tea house for pilgrims. The trees were so curious that we stopped and had a cup of tea, and a gossip with the notable old landlady, while I made the accompanying sketch from a point of view from which it would have been difficult to have obtained a photograph on account of the bad light.

I obtained a photograph from the old woman, and I wrote up the data she gave me on the back of the photograph.

LIGHTHOUSE A WONDER.

New Building on Diamond Shoals Coast Embodies Very Latest Ideas in Construction.

The new Diamond Shoals lighthouse will not only safeguard a dangerous coast, but will be in itself a model in construction. Livingston Wright, in the Technical World Magazine, describes it as follows:

"The lighthouse is to have eight different floors, besides the lantern gallery and watchroom. The first will be equipped with three lifeboats, with a crane for hoisting or lowering on the outside. The second floor will be divided into four rooms, and contain the fog signaling apparatus and two oil engines. The third floor will contain the hoisting engine for operating the lantern, two large provision rooms, and a bedroom. The fourth and fifth floors will each have two bedrooms, a writing-room, and a bathroom. One-half of the sixth floor will be devoted to the dining-room, the other half to the kitchen, pantry and refrigerator. The seventh floor will have a double sitting-room or library and a laundry. On this floor also will be placed a tank holding 1,600 gallons of fresh water. The eighth floor will be properly equipped for the lighthouse service room. The ninth floor will contain the watch room and will have a gallery extending all the way around it. The floor above this will contain the light itself, visible in storm or calm for about 20 miles."

ORIGINAL MEXICAN PIPE.



This Aztec drawing shows the original Mexican pipe.

Her Practical Gratitude.

A rare example of discerning gratitude is given by the late Marchioness Isabella Lucini, of Pavla, who has left a legacy of \$3,000 to a local comic paper to which she had been a life-long subscriber. Deceased's will also directed that \$500 in addition should be spent on a sumptuous banquet to which the staff of the paper should be entertained, "in recognition," so the will textually reads, "of the many pleasant hours spent in perusing its humorous columns."

Petitions Sent to Czar.

It is said that the czar of Russia receives from his subjects through the post no fewer than over 100 petitions every day of his life. The majority of these documents before reaching the monarch's hands are examined by a confidential secretary.

Indifference.

Visitor—"The girl in the next flat is rather an indifferent performer on the piano, I should say."
Denizen—"Indifferent! She's positively enlivening."—Puck.

NUMBER LOST IS 150

Such Considered A Conservative Estimate

OF VICTIMS OF THE LARCHMONT DISASTER

Block Island, R. I., Feb. 14.—The Associated Press has communicated with Capt. McVey and Purser Young of the steamer Larchmont. From them it was learned that a conservative estimate of the loss of life is 150.

Both McVey and Young are suffering severely both physical pain from their frozen limbs and mental anguish caused by their terrible experiences.

There are now thirty-eight bodies at the Sandy Point north end lifesaving station and fourteen at the New Shoreham station. Eleven survivors are at the north end station and eight at New Shoreham.

Block Island's two lifesaving stations, one at Sandy Point and the other at New Shoreham, were turned into morgues and hospitals Tuesday night and the dead crowded the living. The boat room floors were lined with the dead, each body frozen as stiff as the boards on which it rested. In the living and sleeping rooms the suffering survivors rested on cots and beds, racked with the pain of frozen limbs and shuddering with the recollection of the horror of their experiences. Many were denied the merciful unconsciousness of sleep and through the long weary night they tossed and cried and sobbed and the howling wind outside only served to keep fresh in their minds the terrors of the storm through which they had fought their way to the island.

It is feared that none of these survivors will escape unscathed. The frost penetrated too deeply to be overcome by medical treatment, and the surgeon's knife is the only salvation of some of the unfortunates. Some will lose fingers, some hands, and it is feared some of them will be obliged to have their legs amputated. Purser Young is in a serious condition today. His feet are in such a state that he cannot rest them on the floor.

Capt. McVey fared somewhat better than his purser, but he seems to be overcome by the disaster, which has befallen his ship and by the appalling loss of life among his passengers.

The lifesavers, although wearied by their day of toil, patrolled the beach throughout the night and their efforts were rewarded by finding four bodies, three of them after midnight and one a little after sunrise. These sturdy men, whose duty it is to save the lives of shipwrecked mariners, faced a task, the like of which is unknown along the coast. Every body that came ashore was encased in a coating of ice, so heavy that in some instances the bodies were mistaken for floating cakes of ice. Upon recovering these bodies the lifesavers fringed them up on the beach and here they were obliged to chop away the ice until the human form was brought to view. As quickly as possible the bodies were loaded into caskets and sent to the nearest station, there to await the arrival of the steamer Kentucky to carry them to Providence.

BOUQUET FOR PRESCELLE

Hypnotist Remembered by His Admirers at Music Hall

The admirers of Percival Prescelle, the hypnotist, presented him with a handsome bouquet at Music Hall on Wednesday evening, the concluding night of his engagement in this city. Alfred Labonde, the member of Prescelle's company who was married here on Wednesday, also received a bouquet.

Prescelle's success here was wonderful and if he could return to Portsmouth there is no doubt that his reception would be enthusiastic.

NOT A CYCLONE'S WORK

"Bill" Lessor's lunch wagon met with a catastrophe last evening that made it look as if one corner had been struck by a cyclone. It was all due to the jolt resulting from crossing the street car tracks, which is considerable for such a heavy vehicle.

THE WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

(Special to The Herald)

Washington, Feb. 14.—Probably fair and colder weather and brisk to high winds from the western quarters are indicated for Friday.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 14, 1907.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

This is St. Valentine's day, the one out of the three hundred and sixty-five days of the year devoted to love, the eternal theme of poets, painters, sculptors and, if we may credit what is currently reported, pretty nearly everybody else.

The old legend tells us that St. Valentine was beheaded at Rome on the fourteen day of February in the reign of Claudius; that is, the St. Valentine from whom the day takes its name, for the Heiligenkloster of Stauber-Glun enumerates no less than fifty-two! But two, however, are of importance in connection with the festival of today.

Valentinus, presbyter and martyr, according to the Roman legend, was arrested and cast into chains by the Emperor Claudius (Gothicus) and turned over to Calphurnius. By him Asterius was employed to win him back to idolatry. The miraculous healing of the blind daughter of Asterius by Valentinus led to the conversion and baptism of him and all his household. The miracle led to the martyrdom of the saint, who was clubbed and finally beheaded on the Mamulan Way on Feb. 14.

The second Valentine, who is remembered in connection with today, is Valentinus of Interamna (Terni), bishop and martyr, who miraculously healed Chacrenon, the deformed son of Kraton, a Greek rhetorician living in Rome, the miracle leading to numerous conversions. Under the name of St. Veltin this Valentinus, who is also commemorated on this day of the year, is frequently invoked by the Italians and the Germans for relief in epilepsy and similar afflictions.

Such folk day authorities as Brand, Bone and Chambers have various ideas as to the origin of the present day manner of observance, which is, of course, merely a following after the style which prevailed two centuries and more ago.

It is peculiarly appropriate as the first festival of the Spring season, though it comes before the arrival of calendar Spring. Writes Tennyson in "Locksley Hall":

"In the Spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

It was the old notion that birds began to mate on that day, and hence the custom of valentine sending is thought to have arisen. This certainly must have been in a climate somewhat farther south than our own.

The invasion of the valentine realm by the souvenir post card this year is bound to make additional trouble for the postman, and the observance of St. Valentine customs today will be more general than ever.

BIRDS' EYE VIEWS

Old Granny Darkness

When old Granny Darkness puts the world to sleep
She turns out the light of the sun in the West;
And with a torch from Mars she lights the taper stars
And she croons strange tunes as she rocks us on her breast.

When old Granny Darkness takes us in her lap
It's, "Sleep, little children, how tired you must be!"
And it's, oh, how she brings to our mind forgotten things.

As she smooths and soothes, there is none so kind as she.
When old Granny Darkness tucks us into bed
She pulls down the comforter very, very tight.

She says, "My sons, sleep warm from tempest and from storm;
Never fear, I'm near all the wild and windy night!"

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And she croons strange tunes as she rocks us on her breast.

Why not let Nicaragua Diaz she please?
Will Teddy bear with obdurate Honduras?

It goes without saying that Salome made New York Wild.

If Hammerstein takes up Salome will they hammer Hammerstein?

The Thaw trial has been one of the swiftest social events of the season in Gotham.

The reported destruction of the peach crop has nothing to do with race suicide.

In spite of Swettenham, patriotic Americans will continue to use Jamaica ginger for the aches of the tummy.

The Bay state idea of observing Lincoln's birthday seems to be, like our own, how to observe without observing.

The report that Buffalo Bill was thrown from a broncho will probably arouse the Indians to thoughts of the great white throne.

It was appropriate that Commander Atwater should send the crew of the leaking Portsmouth built frigate Saratoga to the pumps.

Governor Cummins of Iowa and Governor Guild of Massachusetts are ardent revisionists. One wants free hides and the other wants free leather goods. There will have to be enacted two tariff laws to please them.

It may be true that women don't know enough to vote intelligently, but all the twelve best selling books of the year have been written by women. They are: "Fenwick's Career" by Mrs. Humphry Ward; "The Far Horizon," by Lucius Malet (Mrs. Harrison); "The Treasure of Heaven," by Marie Correll; "The Gambler," by Mrs. Cecil Thurston; "Prisoners," by Mary Cholmondeley; "The Dream and the Business," by John Oliver Hobbes (Mrs. Craigie); "The Viper of Milan," by Marjorie Bowen; "The White House," by Miss Braddon; "In Subjection," by Ellen Thornycroft Fowler; "A Sovereign Remedy," by Mrs. Steel; "The Incomplete Amorist," by E. Nesbit; (Mrs. Robert Bland), and "A Queen of Rubies," by Allen Raine (Mrs. Beynon Puddlecombe).

OUR EXCHANGES

The Valentines

With his greyhound at his feet,
And the tapers flaring tall,
And the flames upon the hearth
Painting pictures on the wall,
While the panes were thick with frost,
And the world was white with snow,

Lo! he wrote a valentine
Twice a hundred years ago.

She, with powder on her hair,
And a smile upon her lips,
And a strip of brocade,
In her rosy finger tips,
Read the ardent message through
With her velvet cheek aglow,
"Happy youth, and happy maid
Twice a hundred years ago!"

Next I buy a valentine,
Tender verses all aflame,
Twined with roses pink and white
In a lace and satin frame,
You receive it in the mail,
You, my darling girl, you know
Hearts are just the same as then,
Twice a hundred years ago.
—Mina Irving in Leslie's Weekly.

Listen To The Wiz

Wizard Edison says we know nothing but that in five hundred years we may begin to suspect things. This is another way of saying that the more a man knows the more he knows he doesn't know.—Biddleford Journal.

A Mystery Explained

If lovely woman, who has no pockets, will stop to think that the average man has at least sixteen, she may understand better why her letters intrusted to him occasionally don't get mailed.—Boston Globe.

If The Chimney Is Tall

The news dispatches fail to state

PRESCRIPTION TO CLEAN THE BLOOD.

Any one can easily mix the following prescription at home, which is said to be splendid because of its peculiar action upon the kidneys, which are made to properly filter and strain from the blood the impurities and poisons.

Get the ingredients, which are all of vegetable extraction and harmless, from any good pharmacy and mix them by shaking well in a bottle: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime. Drink plenty of good water, too. Those who require a good blood cleanser and system tonic, whose kidneys are weak and clogged up, should prepare this mixture and take as directed for a few days and note results.

In what part of Count Witte's chimney that internal machine was found; but if it was near the top, the fellow who put it there evidently thought it would be just about high enough to blow the count's head off.—Manchester Union.

The Flag Is Still There, However
According to the excited "war" correspondents, the Japanese have captured the Hawaiian islands without bloodshed.—Atlanta Constitution.

That's What It Does
Senator Rayner called upon the shades of the mighty dead, but what the Democracy needs is a few "live ones."—Newburyport Herald.

Utterances A Bit Involved?
Someone has sent us a Japanese newspaper, but we can't tell just what it says about Japan's attitude toward America.—Springfield News.

BATTERY MEN OUT

Dartmouth Baseball Players Answer Call to Practice

Hanover, Feb. 14.—The battery candidates for the Dartmouth nine were called out on Wednesday and passed the afternoon limbering up in the cage. The squad included every member of last year's pitching staff and numerous class and freshman twirlers.

Of last year's class Capt. Skillen has few superiors in intercollegiate ball; Johnny Glaze has a record for steady, efficient work; Hazelton did great work as the only freshman pitcher on the nine last year, and Beckett won his "D" two years ago; Nichols, Thompson, Merrihan and Black have served on the class teams. Hammond and Grant, a freshman, are new men.

Merritt, the Andover star whose pitching last year defeated all the big four nines, has entered Dartmouth from Yale, and if allowed to play will make a valuable man. The catchers include Schoppely, substitute last year; A. McLane, right fielder last year; J. McLane, Chadbourne '10 and Leonard '10.

Evans will not be able to run for Dartmouth in the relay race with Pennsylvania at the B. A. A. Saturday. Carns taking his place. The team will be composed of Capt. Jennings, Prichard, Shipley and Carns.

PORT OF PORTSMOUTH

Arrivals At and Departures From Our Harbor Feb. 14

Arrived

Tug M. Mitchell Davis, Hoyt, Cape Porpoise.

Sailed

Schooner Norman, Bridgeport.
Schooner Hastings, Boston.
Schooner Empress, Rockport.
Schooner Mary Brewer, Boston.
Schooner Triton, Boston, in tow of tug Priscilla (last five Wednesday).
Wind southwest.

Telegraphic Shipping Notes—
St. John, N. B., Feb. 12—Arrived, schooner Isiah K. Stetson, Hamilton, Kittery.

NATIONAL GUARD INSPECTION

Inspector General William Sullivan, Adjutant General Harry B. Clancy and Col. Herbert E. Tuthery, U. S. A., retired, are conducting the annual inspections of the New Hampshire National Guard.

Heh! Itch! Itch!—Scratch! Scratch! Scratch! The more you scratch the worse the itch. Try Doan's Ointment. It cures piles, eczema, any skin itching. All drug stores sell it.

At the regular meeting of the W. R. C. Circle last evening the remaining officers were installed and a baked bean supper served.

MAKING OF LAWS.

(Continued from first page)

twice and tabled for printing.

The vote passing the bill for the state registration of nurses was reconsidered on motion of Senator Boutwell, the bill was amended and again passed under suspension of the rules.

Senator Entwistle of Portsmouth was one of those who spoke in favor of the bill abolishing Fast day and substituting a holiday to be known as Stark day.

There was a hearing on Wednesday before the House committee on public improvements on the bill providing for aid in freeing and building interstate bridges.

The hearing on Wednesday evening on the direct primary bill was largely attended. Hon. Henry M. Baker of Bow spoke and introduced Robert Luce of Massachusetts, author of the Luce bill now in force in that state. The proposed laws provide for the making of nominations by direct vote of the people under the Australian ballot system.

The Mileage Bill Fight

Concord, Feb. 13.—The consideration of the mileage bill was resumed in the House at 2.30 this afternoon, the immediate business before the House being the consideration of the Lord amendment.

Lucia of Nashua moved an amendment to the amendment.

Barker of Bow moved that all amendments be laid on the table for printing and be made a special order for to-morrow.

On a viva voce vote, it was voted 250 to 78 to continue the fight.

The Lucia motion was then lost 98 to 267.

The motion of Hollis of Concord to lay all amendments on the table was lost.

Benton of Keene attempted to address the chair, but was drowned by persistent coughing and hacking.

The motion of Buffum of Winchester in amendment of the Lord amendment providing for an increase of mileage compensation was carried 245 to 108.

A motion that the railroad be required on each first day of April to furnish to the secretary of state a list of all those holding passes was defeated 211 to 97.

Baker of Bow observed that the railroad appeared to have the same grip as in the past. He wished there could be an investigation. He said the members had not done what they had been elected to do by the people.

Hunt of Peterboro said the Legislature's action was bound to arouse a sentiment greater than did the creation of the Salem race track charter.

A motion to read the bill for a third time was carried.

On motion of Mr. French the House adjourned till 5.30 when the session was resumed.

The motion of Emery of Tilton that the bill be made a special order for tomorrow at 11 o'clock was defeated 172 to 141.

The motion of Dutton of Franklin for adjournment was carried, but was withdrawn when the yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was then passed on a roll call vote 221 to 100. Forty-four members of the House were absent.

In the Senate the Fast day bill was killed.

The full text of the bill passed yesterday follows:

The Bill in Full

Section 1.—It shall be unlawful for any common carrier operating a steam railroad within this state to give to or for any member, officer or employee of the general court, or member of supreme or superior court, or any other public officer of this state, whether elective or appointive, any free pass, free ticket or other free transportation; and it shall be unlawful for any member, officer or employee of the general court, or any member of the supreme or superior court, or any other public officer of this state, whether elective or appointive to accept, use, or ride upon any free pass, free ticket or other free transportation on any road or conveyance operated by any railroad or other common carrier within this state, or to accept or use transportation thereon at any reduced rate not granted to the public generally, except as herein after provided, provided however that justices of the peace and notaries public in their capacity as such railroad officer and employees, persons in charge of mail, express or freight, shall not for the purpose of this act be regarded as included in the above enumerated prohibited classes.

Section 2.—Every corporation operating a steam railroad within this state shall transport over its steam railroad lines within the state only without charges therefor members, officers and employees of the general court during each session thereof and for two days preceding the opening of each session; and for one day after the final adjournment thereof; and transport in like manner with-

out charge all other state officials except members of the supreme and superior courts and justices of the peace and notaries public during their term of official service; and tickets for such persons as are entitled to transportation hereunder shall be furnished by each railroad corporation subject to the provisions hereof to the secretary of state upon request; and the secretary of state is authorized from time to time to furnish in writing to the railroad a list of the persons with their official titles to whom such tickets shall be issued together with the time for which they are severally entitled to transportation hereunder; and to make arrangements for their procurement and to deliver to the persons entitled to receive them; provided however that such transportation shall in no event be used for any part of any interstate journey, and all state officials who by the provisions of this act are entitled to transportation hereunder, and whose expenses while in the discharge of their official duties are payable by the state shall file with their bills for such expenses itemized and sworn accounts of the sums paid by them in cash for which they ask payment, and shall receive no allowance for steam railroad transportation within the state. For all travel between their homes and the place of the sitting of the Legislature not included in the railroad transportation, members, officers and employees shall be allowed a mileage of twenty cents a mile each way for every week of the legislative session; this allowance to be in lieu of the mileage now provided by law.

Section 3.—Any common carrier violating the provisions of Section 1 of this act shall for each offense on conviction be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000, and any person accepting or using any pass, ticket or reduced rate transportation in violation thereof shall be subject to a like penalty.

Section 4.—Nothing herein contained shall affect the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 160 of the Public Statutes.

Section 5.—All acts or part of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

WILL OWN CONCORD

Mystic Shriners to Take Possession of Capital City

The Mystic Shriners will own Concord tonight, when Bektash Temple will give another exemplification of degrees, and a banquet.

A special train left Portsmouth at two o'clock this afternoon with a large crowd from this city, Rochester, Dover and Somersworth. The train will return after midnight.

BEGINNING OF LENTEN SEASON

The Lenten services opened at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday and the morning mass and evening service were largely attended. In the evening, the largest number of worshippers in years was present, which indicates that many will observe the holy season in the most fitting manner. The services consisted of sermons appropriate to the occasion, benedictions and distribution of ashes.

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EXCHANGED—Will the gentleman who exchanged coats at I. O. O. F. Hall Monday evening, please call at 5 Hill street. chf12-lw

TO LET—House, No. 21 Lincoln avenue, electric light, gas, and all modern improvements. Inquire of John N. Goodall, 63 Richards avenue. chf8-1w

FOR SALE—House of six rooms, 1 Manning street. Apply at 9 South street. Fthe 3w

FOR SALE—A dozen second hand doors. Inquire at this office. chf15tf

FOR SALE—Beach lot at Wallis Sands, fronting on beach. Address B. F. D., this office. chf18tf

FOR SALE—Quantity of iron grating such as is used in banks. Inquire at this office. chf15tf

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Many rheumatic attacks are due to uric acid in the blood. But the duty of the kidneys is to remove all uric acid from the blood. If this process shows the kidneys are inactive, don't daily with "uric acid solvents." You might go on till doomsday with them, but until you cure the kidneys, you will never get well. Dean's Kidney Pills not only remove uric acid but cure the kidneys and then all danger from uric acid is ended. Here is Portsmouth testimony to prove it.

Mrs. A. S. Staples, of 3 Dec. street, Portsmouth, N. H., says: "About three months ago I was nearly laid up with kidney trouble. My back was so lame at times that I could hardly get upstairs, and I had rheumatism in my limbs, which was very painful. Dean's Kidney Pills procured at Philbrick's drug store, to my surprise soon relieved me and my general health has been much better since. I cannot speak too highly of this remedy and shall always recommend it to people I hear complain of kidney trouble or backache."

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PRESERVING POLES.

MEANS OF SEASONING TELEGRAPH WIRE SUPPORTS.

Economy in the Use of a Product Which Is in Great Demand and Rapidly Running Out.

With the life of telephone and telegraph poles at its present limit, the 800,000 miles of existing lines, requiring 22,000,000 poles, must be renewed approximately four times before trees suitable to take their place can grow. A pole lasts in service about 12 years, on the average, but is made from a tree about 60 years old. In other words, to maintain a continuous supply five times as many trees must be growing in the forest as there are poles in use. The severity of this drain upon forest resources by the telephone and telegraph companies is obvious enough. Just as in the case of railroad ties, the question of pole supply has thrust itself into prominence. To lengthen the life of poles, and in this way to moderate demand and conserve future supplies, has become an important matter, affecting the public as well as private interests.

Since 1902 the forest service has been making a thorough study of the preservation treatment of poles and of the value of the seasoning in relation to treatment. In this work its first objective has been, as in its studies of cross-ties and construction timbers, to make the timber last as long as possible, so as to check the annual demand for renewal and thus lessen so far as possible the drain upon the forest. Co-operating with telephone and telegraph companies, railroads, lumber companies, and individuals, it has urged forward a series of experiments for cutting, through subsequent stages of handling, to the final setting of the pole. Some of the most important results obtained deal with the seasoning process.

Seasoning was studied in the first place to determine the rate at which poles become air dry, that is, lose as much moisture as they will part with through evaporation in the open air. The time of cutting was also carefully considered. Experiment proved that poles cut in winter dry more regularly than those cut at other seasons, and also show a greater loss in moisture at the end of six months' seasoning. The advantages of winter cutting are, therefore, even drying, with a minimum liability to check, and light weight—an obvious advantage for shipment by freight. Spring or summer cutting secures a more rapid loss of moisture at first, owing to the temperature, but only for three or four months. At the end of from six to eight months spring and summer cut poles are found to have dried only three-quarters as much as winter-cut poles. Spring and summer cutting, however, would result in saving in freight and increased durability if the poles are to be shipped and used within three or four months after cutting.

The second point to be determined was the degree of shrinkage in circumference during air seasoning. This was found to be very slight, averaging but little over 0.5 per cent. at the butt and 0.6 per cent. at the top. The rapid shrinkage of wood does not begin until the percentage of moisture is reduced lower than is possible in the case of telephone and telegraph poles in out-of-door seasoning.

The effect of seasoning in water upon the rate of seasoning was the third of the problems dealt with. The experiments substantiated the common opinion that poles soaked from two to four weeks subsequently season at a materially increased rate.

Finally, it was found that checking in the course of seasoning is not serious when poles have been carefully cut. Rapidly grown timber, however, when so carefully cut as to leave jagged ends, was found to split badly at the butt and at the top. This is doubtless merely the widening of cracks started when the stick partially broke off instead of being cut clear through.

Just how much thorough seasoning will add to the life of poles can not be told until the actual tests are made in service. The poles upon which the tests are being made have been set in a line where their behavior can be compared with that of unseasoned poles, and will be closely watched. Upon a large number of the seasoned poles a test was also made to show the value of various preservative treatments, which is expected to throw additional light on the subject of durability.

Cook's Perquisites.
E. Z. Gross, the mayor of Harrisburg, was condemning the fees and unfair perquisites which swell unduly the salaries of many important officials. "Fees and perquisites," he said, "tend to cause unjust dealings. Even in the kitchen this is so."

"A butcher told me the other day that a young woman, the cook in a prominent family hereabouts, came into his shop and said:

"Give me a fine large roast of beef with plenty of bones."

"Plenty of bones?" said the butcher in amazement.

"Yes," answered the young woman. "Bones is my perquisite."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Muscular.
"Yes, Barker married a physical culture girl."

"Did he? Is she a better housekeeper than other girls?"

"I should say so. She can take the toughest steak and pound on it until it is as tender as usual."—Chicago Tribune.

SOME ODD WATER WHEELS.

They Are Employed in Various Countries to Utilize Power of Currents.

The people of Syria and Tills make their streams do things that Americans do not seem to have learned the secret of persuading the water courses of this country to perform, says the New York Tribune.

At Tills the natives have learned how to utilize the power of the current of the River Kur without building dams. What they have accomplished possibly might be done by an American farmer living on the banks of a rapid moving stream and desiring a small, cheap power. The Caucasians build floats on the surface of the river. Into them are set water wheels. The whole affair is fastened to the bank in such a way that it will rise and fall with any change in the level of the surface of the river, so that the power is about constant all the time.

In Hamma the ancient "entering in of Hamath," the Syrians have accomplished a feat that makes one think of lifting one's self over a fence by tugging at one's bootstraps. They have harnessed the historic Orontes, or Nahr el Asi, as the Syrians call it, into the work of lifting itself many feet toward the zenith and trained it thus to water their fruitful gardens and orchards.

As for size the water wheels which do this work are as to other water wheels what Niagara is to other waterfalls. As one stands by one of these great wooden frames revolving upon its wooden axle and looks up at its perimeter 40 feet above one thinks it large and is astonished when he turns his gaze upstream to see that relatively it is not a great wheel, for in the distance looms up one 60 feet in height. Even then he is not prepared for the spectacle of one 90 feet in diameter, grunting around on its cumbersome axle just outside the town.

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FEBRUARY 14.
 SUN RISES, 6:43; MOON SETS, 10:35 P. M.
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 LENGTH OF DAY, 10:51
 First Quarter, Feb. 19th, 11h. 35m., evening, W.
 Full Moon, Feb. 25th, 12h. 20m., morning, W.
 Last Quarter, March 2d, 12m., morning, E.
 New Moon, March 10th, 1b. 52m., morning, E.

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F. W. HARTFORD,
 Treasurer.

THE TEMPERATURE
 The relatively high temperature of forty-four degrees above zero was registered by THE HERALD'S thermometer at two o'clock this afternoon

CITY BRIEFS
 St. Valentine's day.
 Last day to mail valentines.
 Seed catalogs are in evidence.
 Nice weather for the plumbers.
 Don't forget to send her a valentine.

The sand man has been busy this winter.
 Next week brings the first holiday of the year.

The Knights of Pythias fair opened last evening.
 The legislator is earning his money this week.

The moon will reach its first quarter on Feb. 19.
 Today marks the end of the first half of February.

The destruction of the peach crop is already reported.
 Snowshoe devotees are having great sport up the state.

This state will have neither Stark nor Patriots' day.
 There has been little mild weather since February came in.

Zero weather has been almost the rule for nearly a month.
 Have your shoes repaired by John Mott, 34 Congress street.

There will be no regular session of probate court next week.
 There will be several important social events next week.

Many people regret Prescott's departure from Portsmouth.
 Are we or are we not to see a Japanese fleet next summer?

February the last full month of winter, is rapidly passing.
 The Congressional distribution of records began some time ago.

The steady increase of Y. M. C. A. membership is gratifying.
 New Hampshire will be represented at the Jamestown exposition.

This has been a great month for the coal man and the plumber.
 The R. W. C. Circle met in G. A. R. Hall yesterday afternoon.

Don't try to get even with your enemies by sending a comic valentine today.
 Was your valentine one of the alleged humorous variety or one breathing noble sentiment?

The "bush league" is the Concord Monitor's name for the New Hampshire state baseball league.
 Easter comes so early this year that it will hardly be practicable to don Spring garments on that day.

Friday will be the ninth anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor.
 Many attended the silver coin tea for the benefit of Inasmuch Circle of King's Daughters at Gray Lodge yesterday afternoon and evening.

A busy liver leads to chronic dyspepsia and constipation—weakens the whole system. Doan's Reguloids (25 cents per box) correct the liver, tone the stomach, cure constipation.

The auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary societies of the Methodist Church held their monthly meetings at the parsonage yesterday afternoon and evening. Tea was served at six o'clock followed by a missionary program in the evening.

Inasmuch Circle of King's Daughters of the North Church will conduct a sale of home cooked food and candles in Freeman's Hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening, Feb. 20.

HAS PURCHASED "NICK'S" RESTAURANT
 Frank Golga, a former chef at the Blue Front cafe, Vaughan street, has purchased "Nick's" restaurant on Fleet street.

SILVER COIN TEA
Held For The Benefit Of Inasmuch Circle
AT GRAY LODGE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

A silver coin tea, the proceeds of which are to go to Inasmuch Circle of King's Daughters was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Gray, Gray Lodge, Kittery, on Wednesday afternoon and evening and was very largely attended.

In the afternoon Mrs. Joseph F. Berry and Mrs. W. O. Jenkins poured tea in the dining room. Miss Mabel Farrington, Miss Edith Brewster, Mrs. James A. Borthwick and Miss Borthwick served fruit punch in the living room.

Miss Grace Connor had charge of the silver at the door. Miss Carrie Hayes was in charge of the museum. This was Mr. Gray's den. Admission was charged and all who patronized it were well repaid by the collection of curiosities inside. Mr. Gray's collection of canes is one of the finest in the United States.

The afternoon's entertainment consisted of violin selections by Robert Silery and songs by Mr. Gray, accompanied by Mrs. Joseph Hobbs.

In the evening tea was poured in the dining room by Mrs. A. J. Lance, Mrs. J. G. Parsons, assisted by Miss Martha Kimball, Miss Katherine Sweetser and Miss Martha Farrington.

Punch was served by Mrs. George H. Joy and Mrs. E. M. Fisher. These were assisted by Misses Nina Dutton, Laura Matthews and Clyde Spencey.

Coffee and chocolate were also served in the evening.

The receiving party included Mesdames Thomas D. Noyes, Arthur Brewster, Walter S. Gray and Charles W. Gray. The library, in which the committee received, was decorated with pines and azaleas.

The decorations in the dining room were of yellow tulips.
 The other apartments were adorned with green boughs, tied with yellow ribbons.

The evening's entertainment consisted of solos by Mrs. Mae W. Priest, accompanied by Miss Vida Whittier, and by Mrs. C. W. Gray assisted by Mrs. Hobbs.

A sum amounting to over twenty-eight dollars was realized.

PORTSMOUTH ENTRIES
For The Athletic Meet At Portland On Saturday Evening

The following men have been entered by the Portsmouth Young Men's Christian Association in the various events of the athletic meet at Portland on Saturday evening with Portland Y. M. C. A. and Westbrook Seminary:

Twenty-five yard dash—Ham, Mitchell, McCaffery, McPhee, Randall, Jameson, Casey.
 Fifteen yard hurdle—Ham, Mitchell, McCaffery, McPhee, Randall, Jameson, Casey.

Potato race—Ham, Mitchell, McCaffery, McPhee, Randall, Casey.
 Running high jump—Randall, Jameson, Casey.

Running broad jump—Ham, McPhee, Randall, Jameson, Casey, Mitchell.
 Hop, step and jump—Ham, Mitchell, Jameson, Randall, Casey.

Shot put—Randall, Jameson, Chandler, Casey.
 Pole Vault—Ham, McCaffery, Randall.

Half mile—Ham, Mitchell, McPhee, Ramsdell, Gerrish.
 Mile—McPhee, Ramsdell, Gerrish.

IN TWO MONTHS
The Forge Plant Here Will Be In Full Operation

A Herald man made a call at the forge plant today (Thursday) and was surprised at the headway made by the new company in its work so far.

In conversation with Supt. Lovell, the reporter was informed that in about two weeks everything from the Nashua plant will be in this city and the Second City plant released by the firm.

Some handsome and costly new machinery is being installed in the new main building, while a good

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sized crew is now at work on the machines that have been set up.
 Only ten more machines are to come from the old plant to Portsmouth.

The company is now working two shifts in the forging rooms, night and day crews getting out the work. This plan will probably be continued in force until the new large hammers are in operation.

The extreme cold weather has caused much delay in the work of improvements and today is the first in many weeks that any satisfactory headway could be made. The company officials say, however, that in two months they will be fairly under way at their new home in this city.

NOT YET SETTLED
Argument Over Assessors Is Still In Progress

The matter of naming the new assessors for Portsmouth is still giving the Portsmouth delegation at Concord and the city council some anxiety.

The delegation did not meet on Wednesday as was expected, but will fight it out today. Things have changed a little in favor of the Mayor and the councilmen naming the new men.

Four of the nine representatives are said to be in favor of the delegation naming the new assessors and some of the others favor handling the matter at City Hall.

Ward One of this city is holding out for a candidate and the men of the first district say that if the city government is given the right to appoint the men they will have to pluck a few more lemons from the tree and that James A. N. Rugg will not get a place as one of the three.

One of the delegation informed a Herald man today (Thursday) that unless something is done in the way of agreement on the matter the bill stands a chance of being killed in the house.

EIGHT MEN WANT THE JOB
Applicants for Positions at the Navy Yard

The board selected to examine the candidates for the position of foreman laborer and head teamster at the navy yard met on Wednesday and ordered the examination to be held on next Monday. Eight candidates will appear on that date and try out for the position. They are as follows:

James H. Walker, Kittery Point, F. E. Donnell, Kittery, T. E. Wilson, Kittery, Albert Reid, Kittery Depot, Edward Bowley, F. L. Woods, Robert Gray, Portsmouth, J. F. McWilliams, Cambridge, Mass., E. C. Moody, York, Fred L. Rounds, Kittery Depot.

WAVOR HACKETT OPENS THE FAIR
 Mayor Wallace Hackett appeared in his official capacity for the first time since his election at a public function on Wednesday evening, when he formally opened the Knights of Pythias fair. His remarks were very pleasing to the knights.

AT P. A. C. ROOMS THIS EVENING
 A musical team will entertain the members of the Portsmouth Athletic Club this evening. Lunch will be ready at six o'clock and a novel and interesting program has been arranged for the evening.

WHOA BILL
 This is good weather for the horsemen to settle their arguments on the Parrot avenue speedway and it is hoped that the owners of "Blue Bird," "Dasher," "Battle Sign," "Cut Glass" and "Bill of Expense" will get out and loosen up the snow for a while.

ANOTHER ATTACK MADE
Upon Anchor, Chain and Rope Shops at Boston Yard

The old fight against the anchor, chain and rope shops of Boston navy yard, made last session by congressmen from Pennsylvania and other states, in the interest of the steel and iron industries, was reopened in the House on Wednesday, says a dispatch from Washington.

The superiority of the products turned out at the yard was questioned, and an attempt made to cut off the salaries of the superintendent of the ropewalk and of the chain shops, at \$2,000 each, by Representative Olmsted of Pennsylvania. The effort failed.

When the appropriation in the naval bill for the Boston navy yard was reached, Mr. Olmsted sought to have the item providing for "one superintendent of ropewalk" amended to read "one superintendent of cake walk." He did this, he said, to ascertain what the "whole thing was about."

Mr. Roberts of Massachusetts made the required explanation of what a ropewalk is.

Both Representatives Roberts and McNary of Massachusetts hustled to the defence of Boston navy yard, and a lively debate on the merits of the work turned out by the yard ensued. Representative Payne, the Republican leader, declared the methods at the yard were antiquated, especially the old-fashioned ropewalk.

Mr. Roberts replied that the ropewalk was still used because this is the best method to obtain rope in long pieces without splicing, which is required by the navy.

The matter was finally passed and there will probably be no further opposition in the House this session.

PERSONALS
 Miss Gertrude Moran of Deer street is visiting in Salem, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Flynn are passing the day in Boston.

Mrs. Mary Whipple of Goffstown is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carroll Ferguson, in this city.

W. Clinton Chase, a former switchman at Kittery Junction, has taken a position at the forge plant.

State Secretary Alfred H. Wardle of the Young Men's Christian Association is in this city on business.

Pay Director James E. Cann of the naval pay office is restricted to his room at The Rockingham by illness.

Daniel Webster, a Civil War veteran and former police officer, who has been ill at his home in this city, went to the Soldiers' Home at Tilton today.

First Lieutenant Francis H. Lomax, U. S. A., formerly stationed at Fort Constitution, has been ordered to Fort Banks, Mass., for examination for promotion.

OBITUARY
 Mrs. Mary H. Weston
 The death occurred in Eliot on Wednesday of Mrs. Mary H. Weston, aged seventy-six years, ten months and ten days. The body will be taken to Portland for interment.

BACK IN THE KEARSARGE COMPANY
 "Ed" Blaisdell, a former member of Kearsarge Engine Company, is back again with the new outfit, filling the place of Shirley B. Davis, who was recently appointed as a new man and failed to serve.

WANT TO BOWL
 The Press Club bowling team wants to meet the All-Robin five made up of the men who captain the fore and aft ends of the local street cars.

A PING-PONG CLUB
 Some of the girls of the Portsmouth High School are planning to organize a ping-pong club.

AT THE Y. M. C. A.
Brewing Company Employees Were Entertained Last Evening

A reception was given at the rooms of the local Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evening to the employees of the Frank Jones, Eldredge and Portsmouth Brewing Companies, which was largely attended.

A brief entertainment in the hall followed a basketball game and an exemplification of the work of the gymnasium.

In the absence of Physical Director Howard, who is seriously ill with the grip, the gymnasium class was in charge of Mr. Casey.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Auxiliary.

THE HERALD HEARS
 That the old jail on Islington street is being pulled down—
 That the new lights in the railroad station are something of an improvement—
 That the Atlantic Shore line is having several loads of piling unloaded on its wharf to make ready for the improvements planned—
 That Col. Edward Studley demonstrated the fact of the loss of coal exposed to the weather to a large gathering a few nights ago—
 That Colonel certainly had the point well in hand and it was not from any experience in watching coal piles, either—
 That Charley Asay is not worrying as to whether the people of Ward Five will get their sidewalks plowed out or not, especially his political friends—
 That Company B is taking in several recruits—
 That there are nearly twenty men at the marine barracks who will soon complete their enlistments—
 That not much has been heard in fire department circles of late—
 That much 'hook beer' is being shipped from this city—
 That the men of the new Sagamore Fire Engine Company do not witness in a body the monthly trials of the brewery fire department, lately organized—
 That the old-fashioned winter people have got theirs—
 That the leak in the standpipe is now O. K.—
 That Frank Faulkner is temporarily acting as night switchman in the Boston and Maine yard—
 That the Boston and Maine conductors are after more pay—
 That the laborers at the navy yard are the latest to unionize—
 That the Papermakers' Union is now fully under way—
 That the number of dogs is not by any means decreasing in this city—
 That a member of Company B, who knows a thing or two about boxing, says he would like to have seen where "Battling" White fitted before he left town—
 That the Writers' Club recently organized is fading lots of work in its line—
 That Father Sunday comes very early this year, falling on March 31—
 That the veteran firemen are still talking of the New England muster for Portsmouth—
 That fifteen ship watchmen are now on duty at the navy yard—
 That Overseer Locke of the poor department is meeting many people whom he never knew before—
 That Tuesday night would have been a tough one for a fire.

LABONDE—HILLMAN
 Alfred Labonde, one of the comedians with Prescelle in this city, and Miss Jennie Hillman of Gorham, Me., were united in marriage on Wednesday by Rev. Henry E. Hovey.

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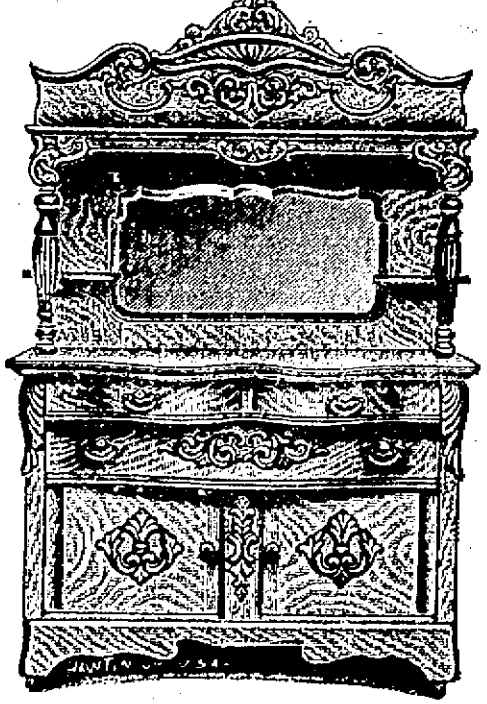
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